

# What can we do about it?

I'd like to do a lot more than fix the roads. I'd like to fix the system.

We need a city government that works for all of us, not just the well-off and well-connected.

Let's start by electing an independent candidate to the City Council. That would turn some heads and shake things up.

I'm not a Democrat or a Republican. I don't owe anything to party bosses and I don't play their political games.

You will find me on the Libertarian Party and Reform Party lines when you go to vote in November.

I've got a number of good ideas which I think you'll like. Please check out my website and Facebook page to learn more.

## Find out more

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# Why are the roads so bad in the City?

You may have noticed that our roads are uneven, with potholes, patches, bumps and buckles all over the place. Why aren't our roads kept in better repair, like the roads are in the suburbs?

The reason is the same reason that we're cutting back on funding for our libraries and recreation centers. It's the same reason some of our parks are nothing but grass and benches, when we could have gardens, artwork and scientific exhibits.

We could have well paved roads, nicer parks, and a more vibrant and welcoming downtown. We could expand our recreational programs so that children have a place to go after school if both their parents have to work.

# Why don't we have nice things like these?

Every year the City of Rochester hands out about \$40 million in subsidies, tax breaks, and "reciprocal agreements" to people who already have lots of money.

This corporate welfare goes mainly to wealthy developers so that they can construct new buildings, while the ones we already have fall into disrepair, along with our streets.

A few people benefit from this while the rest of us pay the price. Promises are made about how our city will be revitalized by these handouts to fat cats and political cronies, but last time I was driving down Lake Ave I noticed a few bumps in the road.

This is why we don't have nice things. It's time we got our priorities straight.